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SUBJECT: CALL BY UNHCR'S DIRECTOR OF ASSISTANCE

1. GILBERT JAEGER, THE UNHCR'S DIRECTOR OF ASSISTANCE; ZIA RIZZI, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER; AND JACQUES CUENOD, A UNHCR OFFICIAL, ARRIVED IN LEBANON ON FEB 6 FROM GENEVA. THE FOLLOWING DAY ALL THREE CALLED ON THE CHARGE, ACCOMPANIED BY ABDEL MAWLA EL-SOLH, THE ACTING UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE IN LEBANON. MESSRS. JAEGER AND RIZZI ARE HERE FOR ABOUT 10 DAYS. MR. CUENOD HAS BEEN ASSIGNED AS CHIEF OF MISSION OF THE UNHCR OFFICE IN BEIRUT AND EXPECTS TO REMAIN "AT LEAST SEVERAL MONTHS."

2. DURING THE COURSE OF OUR CONVERSATION, MR. JAEGER OFFERED THE FOLLOWING REMARKS:

A. THE PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT TO LEBANON WAS TO MAKE AN OVERALL EVALUATION OF THE STATUS OF DISPLACED PERSONS IN LEBANON. THIS EVALUATION WOULD FOCUS MORE ON THE LOCATION THAN THE NUMBER OF DISPLACED PERSONS. IN THIS REGARD, THE UNHCR WAS CONCERNED WITH LEBANESE CITIZENS RATHER THAN PALESTINIANS, WHO FELL WITHIN THE PURVIEW  
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B. THE LATEST GOL ESTIMATE OF DISPLACED PERSONS IS ABOUT 700,000. THE UNHCR DID NOT HAVE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE NUMBER, BUT BELIEVED IT WAS CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN THE GOL ESTIMATE, BUT STILL IN THE "HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS."

C. FRANKLY SPEAKING, THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S SPECIAL APPEAL HAD FAILED. ALTHOUGH THE SWEDES HAD RECENTLY CONTRIBUTED \$400,000, THE TOTAL RECEIVED WAS ONLY ABOUT \$3.5 MILLION. THUS, THE APPEAL MUST BE "PUT ON A NEW BASIS" AND REFORMULATED IN LIGHT OF THE CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES IN LEBANON. TOTAL UN CONTRIBUTIONS TO LEBANON OVER THE LAST YEAR, INCLUDING WFP COMMODITIES, WERE \$10-15 MILLION.

2. MR. EL-SOLH REMARKED THAT THE GOL WAS CONSIDERING MOVING ALL REGISTERED PALESTINIANS IN DAMOUR TO A CAMP NEAR TYRE. HE DID NOT KNOW WHEN THIS ACTION WOULD TAKE PLACE.  
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